



PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Patrick D. Smith

Application No. 09/470,890

Filed: December 22, 1999

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATED  
CORRELATION OF DIGITAL MODULATION IMPAIRMENT

Art Unit: 2631

Examiner: Kevin Michael Burd

Docket No.: PD05924AM (now BCS03393)

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) and**  
**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner to grant a one (1) month extension of time, up to and including April 15, 2004, in which to respond to the final Office Action dated December 15, 2003 (Paper No. 6) in the above-identified application. The extension fee in the amount of \$110.00 may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047. In addition, any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2003, the period therefore having been extended by a Petition therefore and payment of the extension fee, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

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